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1. On 17 June, Rudolf Kaiser, Chief of TEQ (Supersonic Research), and Bernhard Vinzelberg, Chief of TE-2 (Area II - Test and Measuring Gear), RFT Funkwerk Koepenick, assumed the leadership of the strike and demonstrations at their plant and were elected to the strike committee. They threw out the management and addressed the strike assembly with sharp, uncautious speeches against the SED system and government.
2. The marching Koepenick workers, who were led by Kaiser and Vinzelberg, were allegedly those who recognized, beat up, and pushed Deputy Minister President Otto Nuschke into West Berlin.
3. The SSD began a search for the two men on the evening of 17 June. They were arrested on 20 June. As far is known they have not yet been sentenced.

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Comments: Rudolf Kaiser is a national prize winner who has been distinguished several times for meritorious inventions. His arrest might create a bad effect among the technical intelligentsia.)

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